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The journal will mainly focus on recent advances in the field of diagnosis and treatment of the most common causes of cardiovascular emergencies, including acute coronary syndromes, acute heart failure, acute aortic diseases, pulmonary embolism, peripheral arterial diseases or cardiac arrhythmia. Interdisciplinary approaches will be extremely welcomed, presenting new advances in the diagnosis and treatment of different other pathologies (i.e. stroke) from the cardiovascular perspective.

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a. Original research

These articles should include a short abstract of no more than 300 words, with the following headlines: Background, Aim of the study, Material and methods, Results and Conclusions.

An original research article should be limited to maximum 4.000 words, excluding references, tables, table legend and figure legends.

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